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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

Mr. Buford (of Department of State) called on the 20th to say that Mr. Dekom and Mr. Schroeder (of the Senate Judiciary Committee) had been in touch with him to get information from the State Department on foreign nationals in this country. The Department had been cooperating to the extent of giving them information classified confidential or less. They mentioned the fact that they had heard of the FN Branch reports of OSS, and asked to have them made available. Mr. Buford stated that he did not know who had jurisdiction, but that he neither had the reports nor would feel free to release them as he felt it was an OSS liquidation matter. I told Mr. Buford that we would be glad to take over on that point and suggested that he have Mr. Dekom call this office.

Mr. Dekom and Mr. Schroeder called today and asked if they could see me, and came to the office. They were again after the files and reports of the Foreign Nationalities Branch of OSS. They had seen a handbook prepared by FN and would like to have a copy given them as it was an overall statistical summary. Their primary interest, however, is in Iron Curtain countries.

In 25X1A absence, 25X1A checked into the available FN files, and so far has found nothing but this handbook. A cursory examination reveals that the handbook is probably over-classified at "Confidential". is continuing to look to see what other files we have. If, however, we can declassify the handbook and satisfy the Judiciary staff with that, it might be a satisfactory solution to their request. I told them at least I would look into it and let them know. 25X1A

H. R. Houston

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